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Baptist Associations

MINUTES

OF THE

Third Annual Session

OF THE

HILLABEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Of the Primitive Faith and Order.

Held with the Church at

SHILOH,

Clay county, Alabama;

On the 11th, 12th, and 13th days of October, 1873.

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Minutes.

SATURDAY, October 11.

I. THE introductory sermon was preached by Elder R. J. Cowsert, from I John. v., 11: "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life and this life is in his Son."

II. After sixty minutes recess, the messengers of the churches convened in the house. Prayer by elder W. M. McClendon.

III. Called for and read the letters from the churches, and minuted their conditions.

IV. Re-elected Elder R. W. Carlisle Moderator, and Elder J. J. Cleveland Clerk of the association.

V Invited visiting members and corresponding brethren of our order to seats with us

VI Called for petitionary churches

VII Appointed the following committees to wit:

On preaching—Brethren C. Cotton, M W Ray, J T White, together with the delegates from this church, E Garrett, M B Garrett and S Russell.

On Business to come before the body—T D Dendy, E McCord and James A Thompson

To examine corresponding minutes—W W Gardner, J W Carlisle and W H Miller

To write corresponding letter—R J Cowsert.

Adjourned until Monday morning next, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder J M Dikes.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder H R McCoy.

VIII Called for the report of the arranging committee, which was read and adopted.

IX Called the Roll and read the Decorum.

X Invited visiting brethren to seats.

XI Called for corresponding letter, which was read and adopted.

XII Appointed Union meetings as follows:

1st District—With Ebenezer church in Tallapoosa county, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in August, 1874.

2nd District—With Hopewell church in Randolph county, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in May, 1874.

3rd District—With Mt. Pleasant church in Coosa county, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in March, 1874.

XIII Called for correspondence from sister associations.

From Beulah Association—H. R. McCoy, H Lyles and W M McClendon.

From Wetumpka—J M Dikes. F Stephens, J M C Norman, W Phillips and J Baxley.

From Cane Creek—No Correspondence.

XIV Called for the report of the committee appointed to examine corresponding minutes.

Committee reported that they find nothing claiming the attention of this Body.

XV Returned Correspondence to sister Associations as follows:

To Beulah—Elders R J Cowsert, A J Whitton, R W Carlisle, J J Cleveland, W W Gardner, and brethren R Y Williamson, T D Dendy, J M Moren G Y Jarvis, J J Welch and R W Carlisle.

To Wetumpka—Elders R J Cowsert, A J Whitton, R W Carlisle, J J Cleveland, and brethren B R White, E McCord, G Y Jarvis, C Cotton and James A Thompson.

Cane Creek—Brethren J T White, A Bartlett, W H Miller and M Creed.

XVI Appointed the next session of this body to be held with Mt. Zion church, in Clay county, Alabama, to commence on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, A. D. 1874.

XVII Called for contributions from the churches, and received $29,10.

XVIII Agreed to have six hundred copies of these miuutes printed, and the clerk to superintend the same, and receive $10,00 for his services.

XIX Called for miscellaneous business.

XX Read the Minutes, which were adopted, then adjourned to the stand. After prayer by Elder J M Dikes, the Association closed.

During the time the Association was in session the Stand was occupied according to the arrangement of the Committee, as follows:

Saturdy—Before noon, by Elder R J Cowsert; afternoon, by Elders F Stephens and W M McClendon.

Sunday—Before noon, Elders J M Dikes and A J Whitton; afternoon, Elders H R McCoy and R W Carlisle.

Monday—Elders H R McCoy and J M Dikes.

R. W. CARLISLE, Moderator.

J. J. CLEVELAND, Clerk.

Corresponding Letter.

The Hillabee Association to her Sister Associations with whom she corresponds—Sendeth Greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Lord in His goodness has again permitted us to hold another session of our Body. The business has been conducted harmoniously. The churches have all been represented. Correspondence has not been as full as we desired: but we solicit a continuation of your correspondence. The Brethren who occupied the stand from day to day preached with the spirit of Elijah's God, and, we hope, to good effect.

The next session of our Body will be held with Mt. Zion church, in Clay county, six miles southwest from Ashland, to commence on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in October, A. D. 1874, then and there we hope to meet a goodly number of our corresponding Brethren from our Sister Associations.

R. W. CARLISLE, Moderator.

J. J. CLEVELAND. Clerk.

The ministers and delegates of the association extend their cordial thanks to the delegates, brethren and neighbors in the vicinity of Shiloh church, for the hospitality extended during the session of the association, and hope the meeting of the body may prove profitable to each other, as well as for the glory of God.

CLERK.

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Decorum.

1st. The association shall be opened and closed with prayer, and when opened, the Moderator shall invite ministering brethren, of our faith and order, to act with us.

2nd. If new churches desire to be admitted into this association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and on examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

3d. Every query sent to the association by any church in the union shall be read and put to the vote by the moderator; whether it shall be debated or not, if there is a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated, but if

not, it shall be withdrawn; provided, always, those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

4th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the association, unless it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

5th. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject.

6th. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject, without leave from the association.

7th. No member of the association shall have the privilege of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor of whispering in time of a public speech, nor of casting reflections on the speaker.

8th. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without leave from it.

9th. The several names of the associations shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over as often as the association may require.

10th. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall have no vote except the association be equally divided.

11th It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the association.

12th Amendments to the Decorum may be made at any time when two-thirds of the members present shall deem it expedient.

13th The minutes of each association shall be, by the clerk, entered on a book kept by him for that purpose, and the same be read and approved before the association adjourn.

District.	Churches.	County.	Post Office.	Names of Delegates.	Baptised.	Rec'd by Let'r	Rec'd on Co'n of Faith.	Restored.	Dis'd by Let'r	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Money for Minutes.	Sabbath Meetings.
1st	Ebenezer	Talla-poosa.	Dade-ville.	Jno M. Moren, R. Y. Williamson.		3					1	34	$3,00	3d
"	Ephesus	"	New Site.	J J Welch, F Matthews, B F Parish.		4			5	1		31	3,00	2nd
"	Fellowship	"	Alexander City	J J CLEVLAND, A J WHITTON, T D Dendy.	1	5			2		2	27	3,00	4th
"	Bethlehem	"	New Site	J W Carlisle, E B Galloway, G Y Jarvis.	5	2			7	2	1	88	3,00	4th
2nd	Smyrna	Coosa	Pinkney-ville	R J COWSERT, E McCord, R K Blair	4	5		1	3			57	3,00	3d
"	Mt. Pleasant	"	Mount Olive	R W CARLILE, C Cotton, B R White	1	2	1				1	20	2,00	2d
"	Pleas't Hill	"	Syllacauga	W M Peters					2		1	13	1,60	3d
"	Antioch	Tallade-ga	Fayette-ville	J A Thompson E Parker			2		3	1		12	1,00	1st
"	Shiloh	Clay	Coleta	E GARRETT, M B GARRETT S Russell		4						15	2,00	4th
3rd	Providence	"	Mellows valley.	W H Miller, Henry Hornsby		1			2	1	1	17	2,00	4th
"	Mt. Zion	"	Ash-land	C W Pruitt, M W Ray, W W GARDNER								38	1,50	1st
"	Hope-well	Ran-dolph	Rock-dale	J T White, J D White, J A McCrelis	5	1	2		1			23	1,50	2d
"	Macedo-nia	Clay	Line-ville	A Bartlett, M Creed, H G Harris	5	2		1	1			32	2,50	2d

Recapitulation.--Baptised 21; received by Letter, 29; received on confession of Faith, 5; restored, 2; dismissed by Letter, 26; excluded, 5; dead, 7; Total, 407; Money for Minutes, $29,10.